Calling Attention to Matter of Urgent Public Importance *re*: Villages on the bank of the Krishna River on account on Koyna floods.

Sri SADASHIVAPPA PATIL (Deodurga).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the steps taken by the Government to allay the fears of the people living in the villages on the banks of Krishna River in Raichur, Deodurg and Lingsugur taluks on account of Koyna floods.

†Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—Sir immediately after the severe earthquake in Koyna region, Maharashtra State on 11th December 1967, the attention of the Government had been drawn to some of the Press reports and statements tending to create anxiety in the minds of the residents of villages adjoining the Krishna River in Belgaum, Bijapur, Gulbarga and Raichur Districts regarding the consequences that may ensue in the event of danger to the Koyna Dam. A Senior Technical Officer was deputed to obtain first hand information and make a personal assessment of the situation. Authentic information was also obtained by the Chief Minister of Mysore from the Chief Minister of Maharashtra. On the basis of the Technical Officer Report and the information received from the Chief Minister, Maharashtra, this Government came to the conclusion that any alarm in regard to the safety of Koyna Dam is not called for. The Dam suffered some cracks and other damages during the earthquake on 11th December 1967. It is however withstood thereafter severe shocks of high intensity. The Government of Maharashtra have undertaken extensive measure to strengthen the dam. The dam is now expected to be able to withstand the earthquake shocks of all but very high intensitives. However as a measure of abundant caution, safety measure have been taken by the Government of Maharashtra. On similar lines, the Government of Mysore have also prepared a scheme for the protection from floods that may be caused in the Krishna River. The number of villages that would be affected in Raichur District is 63. The scheme prepared by us will be able to minimise the effect on villages from the floods in Krishna River as a result of any unexpected eventuality that may happen to Koyna Dam.

The scheme prepared by the Government of Mysore has the following objectives.

(*a*) To fore-warn the people in the flood affected villages along Krishna River in the affected Districts ;

(*b*) To protect life and property ;

(*c*) To arrange for orderly evacuation of the affected people to safe places ; and

(*d*) to provide for swift mobilisation of rescue and relief measures.

On the lines of the arrangement made in Belgaum and Bijapur Districts, the affected villages in Raichur District will be provided with Transistor Radios so that Emergency Signals could be heard. From the Emergency Control, Koyna, the messages will be received by the A.I.R. Sangli, which in turn will issue messages in Kannada after the message in Marathi. As the A.I.R. Station Gulbarga will not be functioning throughout the day and as the signals to be broadcast from A.I.R. Sangli cannot be heard distinctly, the Director General of All India Radio, New Delhi, has been requested for broadcasting the Emergency Signals from A.I.R. Hyderabad also.

The H. P. Control stations will be set up in Belgaum, Bijapur, Gulbarga and Raichur with direct link with the A.I.R. Sangli and also with the Wireless Stations set up at 10 places in the four districts. The village level flood committees for the purpose of warning the villagers are constituted. Immediately on hearing the warning signals with the help of Transistor Radios, the villagers will be alerted by beat of drum, gong, trumpet, crackers. Safe places on high grounds for evacuation have been located. Required assistanee will be given to the sufferers and arrangement for their feeding etc., will be done. All available transport facilities will be made use of for swift mobilisation of rescue and relief measures during the emergency.

From the above details, it will be seen that the Government are already aware of the seriousness of the situation that may arise in the untimely event of any calamity overtaking Koyna Dam. The schemes have therefore been prepared by the Government of Mysore.

There is, therefore, no need to be anxious about safety of villages in Raichur District that would be affected by floods in Krishna River.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸದಾಶಿವಪ್ಪ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಸ್ಪೀಕರ್ ಅವರೆ, ಕಳೆದ ವರ್ಷ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಷ್ಟು ನಾವು ಮುಂಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ, ಯಾರೂ ಭಯಪಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದರು. ಇವೊತ್ತಿನ ದಿವಸ ಕೂಡ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕಂದಾಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಯಾರು ಭಯಪಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರಾಯಚೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದೇವದುರ್ಗ, ಲಿಂಗಸುಗೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಡೆಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಕಮೀಷನರು ನಾವು ಮುಂಜಾಗರೂಕತೆ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಪಾಂಪ್ಲೆಟ್ಸ್ ಕೂಡ ಹಂಚಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿದಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾನ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ತ್ರೀವ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಇರುವಂತೆ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಪಾಯ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಏನಾದರೂ ಬಂದಾಗ ಟಾಂ ಟಾಂ ಹೊಡೆನು ತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಸಹ ವಾಸವಿಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಲಿಯ ಜನರ ಕಷ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಒಬ್ಬ ರೈತನ ಆಸ್ತಿಪಾಸ್ತಿಯ ಬೆಲೆ ಆತನಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯುತ್ತದೆಯೊ ಹೊರತು ತಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಕೂಡ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವ ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಂತೆ ಕಾಣಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅದಷ್ಟು ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಮೈಸೂರು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಮತ್ತು ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಕೂಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಕ್ರಮತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಅಲ್ಲಿಯ ಜನರು ಸುಖವಾಗಿ ಏದ್ದೆ ಮಾಡುವಂತೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಡ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

3-30 P.M.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—The Maharashtra Government has taken all measures to repair or to make all possible improvements to the dam and

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according to the experts opinion there is no possibility of further damages even if there is a normal earthquake. Secondly, if at all any calamity happens the first affected people will be the Maharashtrians. Whatever precautions the Maharashtra Government has taken all such precautions have been taken by the Mysore Government also. The Government has also realised that no further precautions that what has already been taken, are necessary. If at all any villager wants to shift from that place the Government is prepared to give necessary help.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ (ರಾಯಚೂರು).—ಆಲ್ಲಿಯ ಜನರು ತಮ್ಮ ಆಸ್ತಿಪಾಸ್ತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆ ಸಾಗಿಸಲು ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ನದಿ ದಂಡೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಳಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊಟಾರ್ ಹೋಗಲು ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ಅನುಕೂಲ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಆದಕಾರಣ ಆ ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊಟಾರ್‌ಗಳು ಹೋಗಲು ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವಂತೆ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—I have already stated that if such people want to shift now they can shift now only.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—May I know the reasonable relief that is going to be given to the people of Raichur District who are on the banks of the Krishna river to shift themselves to other places?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—There are some villages on the banks of the rivers which are affected even during normal floods, If they want to shift to other places the Government is prepared to give all possible help. But in the event of unexpected floods whatever help is possible to be given the Government will then give depending upon the time and the nature of the calamities.

ಶ್ರೀ ನದಾಶಿವಪ್ಪ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳೊಬ್ಬರು ಈ ಡ್ಯಾಮ್ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಅನತ್ಯವಾದ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಪ್ರೆಸ್‌ಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಡ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಆ ರೀತಿಯ ಅನತ್ಯದಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—I do not know what statement the Hon. Minister has made, This much is clear that whatever statement is given it is in consultation with the Maharashtra Government.

Schedule of Supplementary and Additional Demands for Grants for 1969-70 (First Instalment)

Mr. SPEAKER.-Next item, presentation of supplementary demands for grants.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Affairs, I present a statement showing the Schedule for Supplementary and Additional Demands for Grants for the year 1969-70 (First instalment) as required under article 205(1) of the Constitution of India.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Demands are presented.